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CAMPAIGN '98: ABORTION RETURNS TO THE FRONT BURNER AT CALIF. REPUBLICAN PARTY GATHERING.

Editor's note: Despite the efforts of Calif. Republican Party chair Michael Schroeder, Gov. Pete Wilson and even AG Dan Lungren, hardline conservatives who control internal CRP politics prevailed at the just concluded statewide convention. *No big tent* as the politics of abortion moved back to the front burner for *Campaign '98*. Here's our brief update & analysis...

...There's no positive way to spin on what happened at Feb. 20-22 CRP convention. Hardliners adopted a resolution seeking to deny CRP funding to any GOP candidate who opposes a ban on late term abortions. It's a Calif. version of the *Lambert Resolution* (named after Texan Tim Lambert), which was shot down at the recent RNC meeting. It's a resolution only and **not** part of the CRP rules. Not yet anyway...

...But if one combines this action with the attempt to go after CA Chief Justice Ronald George and Justice Ming Chin (because they were in the majority of a 4-3 vote to overturn of Calif.'s *parental consent law* on abortion), it doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that abortion is back on the table in Calif. politics and this is **NOT** good news for Lungren. Lungren is just as opposed to abortion as those who pushed these anti-abortion agendas, but he realizes he needs a united GOP to win in November. In other words, *the big tent*...

...Perhaps the most interesting element of the CRP convention was the confrontation over George and Chin. On one side (supporting George/Chin) was Wilson & his allies, and GOP consultant Ken Khachigian (who along with the PBN Co. is handling Chin's campaign). The two lead groups opposing George & Chin are the Calif. Pro-Life Council and a new umbrella committee called *Citizens for Judicial Integrity* - ☎ (626)859-

2042, with CRP Asst. Treasurer Mike Spence as the temporary chair. Those opposing George/Chin insist they won because the CRP did **not** adopt a resolution endorsing the jurists. The other side of the spin is that there was no resolution passed to oppose the jurists...

...What's more than obvious, however, is that there will be a well organized, dedicated and perhaps well funded effort to dump these supreme court judges in November. And while parental consent is a key element in the opposition to George/Chin, the umbrella for *CJI* also includes groups/individuals who support property rights and religious freedoms. For the time being, the *CJI's* appeal seems limited to conservative GOPers, but parental consent *cuts across* political party lines...

...FYI: The Orange Co. GOP Central Cmt. recently passed a resolution opposing both George & Chin and sources for *CJI* predict that other GOP county central committees will do the same thing. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: THE BATTLE FOR LT. GOVERNOR.

Editor's note: The Lt. Governor's race has attracted a weak field of five candidates (2 Demos & 3 GOPers). Here's our brief update & analysis...

...Republicans first. No use is talking about what might have been had GOP Assemblyman Brooks Firestone of Santa Barbara stayed in the race. Instead, GOPers are left with two mostly unknown State Senators, Tim Leslie of Roseville and Richard Mountjoy of Arcadia; and businesswoman Noel Irwin Hentschel of L.A. Of this group, political insiders feel that Leslie is the *current* frontrunner, based upon two things: 1) he's got about \$690,000 cash-on-hand; and 2) he has pre-paid to be on just about all of the major GOP slate cards. In this low profile, down-ballot race, slate cards are critical. But Leslie, a *traditional conservative*, is recuperating from

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bone cancer. It's in remission, according to his MD. Leslie's HQ ☎ (916)443-2398. Leslie's lead consultant is Jim Nygren; Moore Information is doing the polling; Jane Barnett is the daily cmp. mgr...

...Mountjoy is a **hardline** conservative, perhaps best known for his support of Prop. 187 and being a strong opponent of abortion. His name ID is currently 18%: 8 points better than Leslie and 13 points better than Hentschel. But he's never been much of a fundraiser. Instead, he's counting on the CRA and other conservative grassroots groups to spread the word. That use to work years ago, but not today. His best known supporter is Bruce Herschensohn. If Mountjoy had funding, he'd be a serious contender to win the GOP primary. Mountjoy's HQ ☎ (818)357-0910...

...As for Hentschel, she a fresh face without much political savvy and needs strong direction from a solid campaign team. She's a *conservative*: pro-vouchers, pro-life, but (according to a *Sacto BEE* story) favors a ban on cheap handguns. Former Orange Co. Sup. Bruce Nestande is the co-cmp. mgr. along with Dena Beaumont, a political operative of U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson (R-TN). No word yet other consultants, but she's received endorsements from former CRP Chair John Herington; business leader Don Bren (a close Wilson ally); former ARCO chair/ceo Lod Cook; and Julie Wright, former CA Sec. of Trade & Commerce. A good beginning, but the **key** question for Hentschel is money. How much can she raise and/or how much of her own money is she willing to spend???

...The Demos. Former Assembly Speaker Cruz Bustamante of Fresno sits atop a huge \$1.4 million war chest and is the Demo frontrunner. He's also got fairly strong name ID: 35% (vs. only 8% for his Demo rival, Tony Miller). Cruz was CA's first Latino Assembly Speaker, but not a particularly strong leader. Still he gets credit because one of the more productive legislative sessions happened on his watch. Bustamante is a true moderate and his Central Valley roots gives him an advantage in the primary. Bustamante's HQ ☎ (916)441-1175...

...The other Demo is 208 author Tony Miller, the political reformer whose initiative was declared unconstitutional by the courts. Since 208 was aimed at the heart of the Calif. Demo Party, don't be surprised if Miller

gets a frosty reception at the CDP's convention Mar. 20-22. Miller's HQ ☎ (916)447-2463. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: UPDATE ON U.S. HOUSE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here's another update on key U.S. House contests in Calif...

☒ **22nd CD** - There are two more weeks to go before this Mar. 10th special election to replace the late Walter Capps (D-Santa Barbara). GOP Assemblyman Tom Bordonaro's campaign has been getting help from some big-name GOP drawing cards: Jack Kemp, Steve Forbes, former VP Dan Quayle, House Majority Leader Dick Armey. These guys have attracted good sized, paying crowds. Money is a concern for Bordo because Demo Lois Capps is raising more but without importing big name Demos. The only member of the CA Demo House delegation to show up for Capps has been Loretta Sanchez (and that was in the primary). Both candidates are due to debate each other 4-6 times between now and Mar. 10th...

...FYI: the **IE** (indep. expenditure) campaigns keep on pumping in the tv money. Gary Bauer's Campaign for Working Families has a new ad (\$100,000) pushing the anti-abortion themes, while NARAL is countering with \$100,000 of its own. The term limit group (bashing Bordonaro) is up to \$230,000 in tv ads. A neutral source told **Calpeek** that abortion, **not** term limits, is the hot issue. More next week...

☒ **38th CD** - Contrary to some reports, sources tell **Calpeek** that Long Beach Councilman Del Roosevelt, FDR's grandson, will **not** run for congress against U.S. Rep. Steve Horn (R)...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: CHARTER SCHOOLS AIMING FOR NOV. 3rd BALLOT. NEW FIELD POLL NUMBERS.

Editor's note: A constitutional amendment & statute to make it easier for public schools to convert over to **charter schools** is aiming for the general election ballot. Here's a brief update, plus some other news...

◆ In last week's **Calpeek**, we noted that there would probably be 6-8 initiatives on the Nov. 3rd ballot. One of those not mentioned was **Charter Public Schools. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute**. The proponents are educator Don Shalvey & hi-tech

business leader Reed Hastings, but John Doerr of TechNet (read that as Silicon Valley) is also behind this drive. Goddard Claussen are the lead consultants, with Progressive Campaigns handling petition mgt. (in the field for 3 weeks). A million piece of mail w/petitions recently hit and more mail is in the works. Money doesn't seem to be a problem, but is there enough time to collect the 1.2 million signatures? Suggested turn-in for signatures is mid-to-late April. Our sources don't think there's enough time, but they could be wrong...

◆ Pollster Mervin Field has some new numbers about 3 proposed initiatives --- all hiking the cigarette tax in Calif. Only one problem: 2 of the 3 aren't even circulating for the '98 ballot. But the one which is, Rob Reiner's initiative to raise the cigarette tax by .50 cents, with the funds going to health care and other services for pre-school kids -- it leads by a margin of 69% yes vs. 29% no, with 2% undecided. This measure should qualify for the Nov. 3rd ballot. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: UPDATING COUNTY SHERIFF RACES.

Editor's note: Here's another periodic update on the 57 counties who have elections for sheriff in 1998. Filing for sheriff (and DA) closes March 6th...

☒ **Santa Clara Co.** - With Sheriff Charles Gillingham's announced retirement, it was thought that San Jose PD Chief Lou Cobarruviaz would be a favorite to replace him. He had even hired consultants Greg Sellers & Roger Lee, but recently had second thoughts and dropped out. So now there are 6 others who are gearing up. They include: Asst. Sheriffs Ruben Diaz, Laurie Smith and Tom Sing; DSA VP Jose Salcido; Brian Beck; and Jeffrey Morgan...

☒ **L.A. Co.** - Sheriff's Sgt. Patrick Gomez, a 17-year veteran of the department, is now the 3rd challenger to incumbent Sherman Block, who is seeking a 5th term. From a strategic viewpoint, Block's team probably isn't too upset about Gomez's entry, because he will undoubtedly take votes away from Sheriff's Chief Lee Baca. FYI: Debates - 2 open have been set by the Assn. of L.A. Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS): Mar. 15th in Cerritos and Mar. 18th in Valencia. The Northridge Chamber has a debate set for April 30th and sources say Century Cable, KCRW Radio (Which Way L.A.) and KCET-TV (Life & Times) also want some kind of joint appearance/debate between the candidates...

☒ **Sacramento Co.** - There are now 5 candidates seeking to replace Sheriff Glen Craig, who is stepping down. The favorite remains Undersheriff Lou Blanas, but with such a large field, who knows. Others in the race include: DSA VP David Grant; Dep. Bret Daniels; Sheriff's Sgt. Jamie Mitchell; and Isleton PD Chief Eugene Byrd. A Sacto BEE story about Byrd doesn't paint a particularly flattering portrait, but 2nd Amendment types will love him. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: ODDS & ENDS FROM AROUND CALIF.

Editor's note: Here's another update about various statewide races in Calif...

☒ **Governor's Race** - On the Demo side, excellent news media coverage of Al Checchi's Feb. 24th speech to the pro-business Democratic Leadership Council. His call for **tax credits** aimed at students, low & middle income families, first-time homebuyers and senior citizens should have broad appeal. And his overall theme that *a private sector that creates good paying jobs is the most powerful instrument of public policy* is sure to play well with Republicans...U.S. Rep. Jane Harman of Torrance is on tv with her 1st :30-sec. ad. It's a solid bio piece...Sources say Lt. Gov. Gray Davis will begin shooting his tv ads this coming week...Savvy campaign strategist Julio Ramirez has been hired by Harman as deputy cmp. mgr./political director. He last worked with Harman media consultant Bill Carrick on L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan's '97 reelection...

☒ **AG's Race** - Former Demo Congresswoman Lynn Schenk of San Diego formally announces Mar. 2 with a 3-city tour: Sacto, L.A. and a hometown event in San Diego. Schenk's team includes The Campaign Group; Staton Hughes & Shafer, with DC-based Garin-Hart doing polling. Longtime friend and pr exec Richard Keatinge will handle daily mgt...

...On the GOP side, it's happened again! The Calif. Republican Party at their Feb. 20th convention again refused to sell GOP AG candidate Mike Capizzi a table to distribute his materials. And just as soon as the hotel staff would put up Capizzi signs, someone would tear them down. And CRP Chair Michael Schroeder would not even shake Capizzi's hand. Some Capizzi supporters doubt that past CRP chairmen would have treated the Orange Co. DA in his manner. *Herr Schoeder --Dies ist nicht gut...*

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ ***Clint Reilly for SF Mayor?*** - The big buzz in S.F. and Northern Calif. is the Feb. 23rd Matier & Ross column in the *S.F. Chronicle* noting that retired political consultant Clint Reilly had hired Fairbank Maslin & Maullin to do a poll --- matching Clint against Mayor Willie Brown. Brown is up in 2 years. Reilly even had some "push questions" thrown into the mix -- negatives about himself. Results: Brown **46%** vs. Reilly **23%**. M&R note that Brown was 46% against others as well. Why does Clint think Willie might be vulnerable? Our guess is the *S.F. 49ers stadium deal* (Measures D & F). Even though voters approved D & F in June of '97, the \$525 million deal has stalled and a recent report claimed revenue to be generating by the mall shopping center portion of the plan may not be enough to cover the payback on the city's \$100 million in bonds. That's exactly what Reilly said when opposed D & F...

■ ***The CRA Endorsing Confab*** - Keep your eyes on the Calif. Republican Assembly's upcoming Mar. 6-8 endorsing convention in Torrance. Lots of fireworks expected at this gathering of very conservative volunteer GOPers. Our sources believe State Sen. Richard Mountjoy will walk away with the LG endorsement; ditto for AG candidate David Stirling. The endorsement battle to watch: the *Treasurer's race* between Assemblymembers Curt Pringle and Jan Goldsmith. While Goldsmith is no CRA favorite, Pringle was recently *censored* by the CRA for supporting moderate GOPER Brooks Firestone over hardliner Tom Bordonaro in the 22nd CD special. Our guess: no endorsement in this race...

■ ***Prop. 13's 20th Anniversary*** - June 6, 1978 is the date when Howard Jarvis & Paul Gann made history with the passage of Prop. 13. What's on tap for the birthday celebration: 1) The Rose Inst. in Claremont is writing a report comparing pre-13 taxes vs. today, with an emphasis on schools/education; 2) the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn. is producing a 30-minute tv program about 13 and its impact. There's also a huge luncheon planned. A number of news stories about Prop. 13's 20th have already appeared in print...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: former Orange Co. Sup. Thomas F. Riley, 85, died of a heart attack last week. He served on the board for 20 years and was a retired Marine Corps brigadier general. R.I.P...

● P. Anthony Thomas has been named deputy director of p/a at So. Calif. Edison...

● L.A. p/r exec Carl Terzian has received the Shaare Zedek Medical Center Jerusalem's *Raoul Wallenberg Save The Children* Award...

● Attorneys Rondi J. Walsh and Ira D. Glasky have joined Reed & Davidson as associates...

● Consultant Shawn Garvey, formerly of Smart Campaigns, is now the exec director of the South Yuba River Citizens League, fighting a proposed \$1 billion water storage project on the river...

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